

then) as a full time Counseling assistant. In April of 1982, she transferred to the Division of Instruction as a full-time Secretary to the Elementary Curriculum Coordinator. In May of 1984, LeeAnn moved to the Superintendent's Office as a Secretary. She left briefly in 1989 to take a position as Secretary to the Superintendent in the La Canada Unified School District where she was quickly promoted to Director of Administrative Services. The following year, she decided personnel work was not her true calling. Upon the retirement of the Secretary to the Superintendent in Burbank in 1991, she was rehired to fill that position where she has served ever since. Over the years, the job title has changed. She is now known as the Assistant to the Superintendent.

LeeAnn is a shining role model and irreplaceable BUSD employee. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating LeeAnn O'Toole for a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for her immense commitment to the city of Burbank and its residents.

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL S. CHAN

#### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Daniel S. Chan. On March 22, 2004, the city of Sacramento and northern California lost one of its most respected and honorable business leaders when Daniel S. Chan passed away. As his friends and family gather to remember Daniel's remarkable life and many outstanding contributions to his friends, family, and community, I ask all my colleagues to join with me in saluting this exceptional citizen and my dear family friend, Daniel S. Chan.

A native of Sacramento, Dan was born on June 9, 1915. Dan was a graduate of Sacramento High School, Class of 1933. During the same year, Dan's father, Chan Tai Oy, who immigrated from Canton, China to Sacramento in the early 1900s, started a new business venture; General Produce Company. At the age of 18, Daniel would join his father and two brothers, Tom and Eddie, and cousin, Davis Sun, and embark on what will be an illustrious six-decade long career with General Produce Company.

As an owner, Dan was chief buyer and salesman for General Produce Company. Dan's dedication to the company and his work ethic were legendary. Dan worked seven days a week for over 60 years. Through Dan's outstanding business acumen and hard work, and his collaboration with his brothers Thomas and Eddie, General Produce Company would become one of Northern California's largest wholesale produce distributors. In addition to General Produce Company, Dan and his brothers also started one of the first department stores in Sacramento in the late 1950s and he also became involved in real estate, developing commercial and residential properties in the South Land Park Area in the 1950s and 1960s.

I came to know Dan and his family through my father's, Yasuji, employment with General Produce Company, where he was a top salesman. Dan and my father would have lunch together everyday. Dan was an owner who truly

cared about the best interests and well being of his employees. Over time, our families became very close. Dan and his wife Kitty, head of a loving family that included children; Deborah, Terrie, and Daniel. I have always had the utmost respect for the kindness and decency of the Chan family.

In addition to possessing great knowledge in buying and selling virtually every commodity General Produce Company handled, Dan was also a man of many other interests. An avid baseball player in his younger days, Dan was a big baseball fan who regularly attended San Francisco Giants baseball games: A voracious reader, Dan would read four newspapers on a daily basis. Dan was also a man who enjoyed building things. Dan used his precious free time to build his children a tree house and decorative garden accessories for the enjoyment of his friends and family. After his retirement in the mid-1990s, Dan took up fishing and enjoyed golfing well into his later years. Dan and his wife, Kitty, traveled to many places, both domestic and overseas.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen "Kitty" Chan and siblings, Thomas, Eddie, and Marjorie. He is survived by his children; Deborah Chan of Hong Kong, Terrie Chan of Orinda and Daniel Chan of Sacramento. Dan was the loving grandfather of Ian Lee, Taylor Lee, Tyler Chan and Collin Chan.

Mr. Speaker, as Dan Chan's family and friends gather to pay tribute to his wonderful life, I am honored to express my respect and gratitude to one of Sacramento's finest citizens. It was truly a privilege for my family to count Dan Chan as our dear friend. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Dan Chan's remarkable life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, and 117. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, and 117. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 97, 107, 113, 114, and 116.

#### TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2004*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3550) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I reluctantly support this transportation reauthorization.

While this bill includes important projects for my district, it does not adequately fund our nation's transportation priorities.

A population boom in the Inland Empire has created a desperate need for federal funding.

Commuters and emergency vehicles must be able to access our highways safely and efficiently.

In name of homeland security and economic vitality we, in the Inland Empire, must improve our infrastructure.

The average commute time in our district is 30 minutes to an hour. This is outrageous for an exurb community.

Last year my district grew by approximately 60,000 people.

Sixth in the nation for population growth.

These are thousands of Californians that deserve better investments in transportation infrastructure to correspond with the population growth.

I am not happy that this legislation will further condemn Californians to subsidize the transportation spending of other states.

I am not happy that this administration believes that deficit spending for millionaire tax cuts is necessary, but federal spending for job-creating transportation improvements is wasteful.

By limiting funds well below the Senate highway bill, Republicans are missing a prime opportunity to begin job creation and recover some of 3 million private-sector jobs lost under the Bush Administration.

That is why I will enthusiastically support the Davis amendment. This alternative increases the funding in the bill to the Senate-passed level of \$318 billion.

This would create about 1.8 million more jobs than the House GOP leadership bill without adding to the deficit.

This Democratic amendment would create about 1.8 million more jobs and \$235 billion more economic activity than the House GOP leadership bill without adding to the deficit.

The increase for highway and public transit over the House bill is fully paid for by cracking down on abusive corporate tax shelters and companies that move off-shore to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a \$318 billion compromise measure by a vote of 76 to 21 on February 12.

Mr. Chairman, that is why I reluctantly support the reauthorization, but ask my colleagues to please enthusiastically support the Davis amendment to create jobs, fix our roads, and invest in the future.

#### COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2004*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with other women Members of Congress to honor the contributions and landmark efforts of women. As we look back on March, Women's History Month remains an important time to reflect on and commend women for their lifelong efforts to our country. Women have been the cornerstone of this country, so it is difficult for me to honor just one today, but after thought and reflection, I've decided to honor the life's work of a mentor and long time role model of mine, Ms. Betty Shabazz.